MAYOR'S ADVISORY BOARD 2013-2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

2nd HEARING – March 5, 2013

Members of the Advisory Board present: Andrea Wellnitz, Monica Waters, Jason Tennenhouse and Richard Shockley. Chairman Bossung was absent. Also present: Department of Development staff Dale Dixon and Deborah Kervin, and Pennie Ainsworth representing the City Parks and Recreation Department. Attendance was minimal due to heavy snowfall at the time of the meeting.

Mr. Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Mr. Shockley moved to approve the February 5, 2013 minutes. Ms. Wellnitz seconded. The minutes were approved as presented 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dixon commented the amount of the 2013-2014 CDBG grant is still unknown although he has received word from HUD that a 5-9% reduction is expected. Mr. Dixon commented the allocation numbers presented today are still based on last year's grant amount. He stated once we receive notification of the actual grant amount, all allocations will be adjusted by the same percentage.

Funding amounts detailed in the attached spreadsheet were read aloud by Mr. Dixon. All grant awards are part of the One-Year Action Plan (Year 4) for the 2013-2014 grant year. Mr. Dixon stated once the actual grant amount has been determined, he will notify all members of the Advisory Board, public service agencies and other affected organizations. The final amounts will be used in the 2013-2014 Action Plan for submission to HUD. Mr. Shockley moved to approve the amounts as presented. Ms. Waters seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Mr. Dixon requested the Board's permission to make an equal reduction from all awards without reconvening if the cuts to the CDBG program are 10% or less. Mr. Shockley moved to grant authority to Dale Dixon to apply the cuts evenly if the reduction in the CDBG grant is 10% or less without reconvening the Board. Ms. Wellnitz seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

The plan will be available for public review and comment from April 12, 2013 through May 11, 2013. All comments will be given consideration before the plan is brought to the Common Council for approval of submission to HUD.

Mr. Dixon stated upon receipt of a signed agreement between each public service agency and the City of West Lafayette, the public service agencies will receive their first payment in October 2013 for the first quarter of the program year which begins on July 1, 2013.

Public Comment was requested.

There was no further business.

Mr. Shockley motioned to adjourn. Ms. Waters seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

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